

**FLORIDA BOARD OF GOVERNORS
NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATION**

DATE: July 23, 2020

REGULATION NUMBER AND TITLE: 8.001, University Calendars and Temporary Delegation of Authority to the Chancellor for Calendar Exceptions

SUMMARY:

The proposed amendment to Regulation 8.001 provides greater flexibility to the institutions while maintaining the ability for students to transfer from one educational sector to another. This flexibility also allows for different approaches in delivery. The proposed revision also provides the Chancellor with the ability to grant exceptions for an institution meeting the specified requirements instead of requiring action by the Board of Governors. The proposed amendment provides greater flexibility in start dates to terms and no longer specifying the number of days of instruction.

FULL TEXT OF THE REGULATION IS INCLUDED WITH THIS NOTICE.

AUTHORITY TO PROPOSE REGULATION(S): Section 7(d), Art. IX, Fla. Const.; BOG Regulation Development Procedure dated March 23, 2006.

THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS' OFFICIAL INITIATING THE PROPOSED REGULATION: Christy England, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs

COMMENTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED REGULATION SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE TO THE CONTACT PERSON IDENTIFIED BELOW. The comments must identify the regulation on which you are commenting:

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8.001 University Calendars

(1) Each university shall operate on a year-round academic calendar, which provides ~~two hundred twenty (220) days of classroom instruction including examinations, or two hundred ten (210) days of instruction excluding examinations.~~

(2) Upon request by the university, exceptions to this requirement may be approved by the Chancellor of the State University System Board of Governors and may include, but shall not be limited to, such matters as experimentation, innovation, research, energy conservation or more efficient utilization of resources. Additionally, institutions must ensure that the proposed changes will not adversely impact students' ability to transfer to the university from a Florida College System institution or public secondary education school.

(23) Unless an exception is granted by the Chancellor of the State University System Board of Governors, as appropriate, three (3) common entry periods shall be established so that the first day of classes will fall on or within each of the three (3) periods listed below:

- (a) ~~The first three (3) weekdays after August 22~~ August 10 – August 31;
- (b) ~~The first three (3) weekdays after January 4~~ January 2 – January 11;
- (c) ~~The first three (3) weekdays after May 5~~ May 1 – May 16.

(34) Each calendar shall also include the following:

- (a) ~~Pre-established dates for issuing either certificates, diplomas, or degrees which will permit students to utilize the entry period which minimizes loss of time to students in completing the transfer between programs of institutions;~~
- (b) ~~A summer program for teachers, school personnel and other students, as appropriate scheduled to begin no earlier than June 15 and close no later than August 15;~~
- (e) ~~Additional periods throughout the fiscal year in which a student can begin a program.~~

(4) An official copy of the annual calendar adopted by each university shall be filed with the Board of Governors by the March 1 prior to the start of the academic year in a manner prescribed by the Chancellor.

(5) Due to its special structuring of terms, New College of Florida is exempted from the Spring term common entry period specified in Regulations 8.001(2)(b). The institution is to continue to meet other regulation expectations and to continue to work towards smooth transition for new or transfer students.

Authority: Section 7(d), Art. IX, Fla. Const.; History:--Former BOR Rule 6C-2.56, and 6C-8.01, 11-18-70, 12-17-74, 6-25-80, 8-11-85, 6-14-07. Amended xx/xx/2020.